AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Notices were given to the Lok Sabha Secretariat for consideration and passing of the Infant Milk Foods and Feeding Bottles (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Bill, 1986 in the Winter Session of Parliament. However, due to the busy schedule of the Lok Sabha Business the Bill could not come up for consideration in that Session.

The proposed Legislation is in conformity with the 'Indian National Code for Protection and Promotion of Breast Feeding', adopted in December 1983.

(b) Yes, Sir. Certain technical amendments such as change of year, change of nomenclature of Indian Standards Institution etc., are being effected.

Visit of Canadian National Defence College delegation

815. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of Canadian National Defence College visited India recently;

(b) if so, the nature of discussions held with the delegation ; and

(c) what has been the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Canadian Defence College is essentially an institution which trains senior military, civilian and other executive to serve in senior positions. The College annually conducts a field study for its officers in many countries, and their visit to India was part of a regional tour of several countries in Asia. During their stay in India, there were no specific discussions held. The team however was given briefings by officials on India's foreign affairs, defence and socio-economic policies.

Harassment of Indian Women by Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia

816. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been reported by the non-resident Indians in Saudi Arabia that the Indian Embassy is questioning the integrity of each Indian woman working there by asking her to produce an affidavit sworn by her husband stating that he is the legal father of the child born to her even after production of marriage certificate, duly attested by the respective State Home Departments and his Ministry ;

(b) whether it is in accordance with Government policy ;

(c) whether it amounts to questioning of the chastity of Indian women working abroad ; and

(d) what corrective measures Governments propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) to (d) The Embassy of India in Riyadh has confirmed that no affidavit of the type referred to is sought by it at the time of registration of the birth of a child.